

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), numbering more than 3,000, have been integral members of the health care team in South Dakota for the past 52 years; and,

Whereas, Licensed Practical Nurses are recognized as specialists in basic skilled bedside nursing care who exercise sound nursing judgment based on educational preparation and provide that nursing care to patients in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, and private homes; and,

Whereas, By providing the continuance of Licensed Practical Nursing, the state recognizes the value of the Licensed Practical Nurse in the health field and recognizes the contributions and dedication of Licensed Practical Nurses to provide for the health and well-being of South Dakota citizens; and,

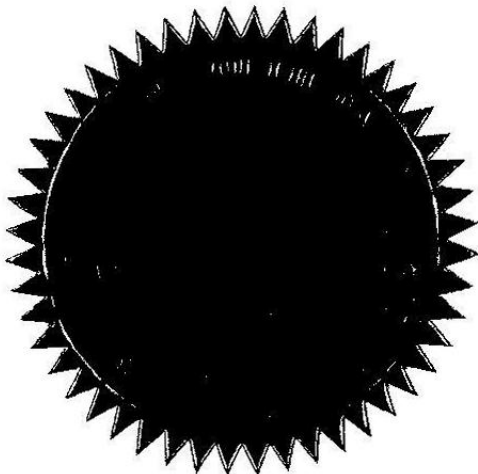
Whereas, The South Dakota Licensed Practical Nurse Association fully supports and recognizes all LPNs for their dedication to the nursing profession and their continuing efforts in offering quality health care statewide:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27 through May 3, 2003, as

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES' WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakota residents and health care providers to recognize the many contributions of the LPN.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State